GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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RIVER EROSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the rivers which are causing damage to agricultural land as well as residential areas in Orissa due to erosion every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan initiated, if any, to save those areas from erosion and to check the river erosion in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Flood control including erosion caused by rivers being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, funding, executing and operating these schemes primarily rests with the concerned State Government. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.

(c) However, Government of India has proposed a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, "Critical anti erosionworks in coastal and other than Ganga Basin States" including Orissa witha central share of Rs. 30 crore which interalia includes Rs. 10 crore for anti river erosion works. A scheme to be identified by the Government of Orissa would be included in the above Centrally Sponsored Scheme for which the matter has been taken up with the State Government.